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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

November crop prices in general were up from October in Maryland. Corn, barley and soybeans showed increases, while winter wheat prices decreased 8 cents per bushel.

Livestock prices were mixed. Calf prices were down \$2.73 per cwt. Beef cattle declined, down \$12.39 per cwt., when compared to last month. Hog prices increased to \$41.32 per cwt. Egg prices averaged \$0.46 per dozen, down for the month.

Prices Received, Maryland, Delaware & United States, October & November 2004

Commodity	Unit	Maryland and Delaware			United States			
		NOV 2003	OCT 2004	NOV 2004	NOV 2003	OCT 2004	NOV 2004	PARITY PRICE
Dollars								
Wheat, Winter	BU	3.42	2.93	2.85	3.56	3.34	3.39	10.10
Corn	BU	2.61	1.99	2.08	2.20	2.15	2.00	6.77
Barley	BU	2.33	1.83	1.92	2.83	2.29	2.42	6.71
Soybeans	BU	7.22	5.02	5.07	7.05	5.56	5.31	15.90
All Hay, Baled ¹	TON	163.90	134.80	136.12	81.50	89.80	86.20	----
All Beef Cattle	CWT	90.60	74.96	62.57	93.40	86.10	84.20	170.00
Calves	CWT	92.50	92.18	89.45	111.00	126.00	124.00	228.00
Hogs	CWT	40.50	24.10	41.32	34.70	52.10	55.30	105.00
Broilers	LB	0.309	0.402	0.405	0.370	0.390	0.390	----
Turkeys, Live	LB	----	-----	----	0.412	0.484	0.490	1.020
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.956	0.382	0.463	1.020	0.488	0.546	1.69

¹Mid-month price

Index of Prices Received, United States, November 2004 with Comparisons

Index and Ratios	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004
<i>1990-92=100</i>			
All Farm Products	116	*113	114
All Crops	115	*110	110
Feed Grain & Hay	99	*96	90
Oil- Bearing Crops	122	*97	96
Fruits & Nuts	116	*154	141
Livestock and Products	117	117	118
Meat Animals	116	118	117
Dairy Products	110	119	121
Poultry and Eggs	124	115	118
Ratio ¹	90	84	85
Prices Paid Index	129	135	134

*Revised

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from November 2003. October revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from October 2003. The October revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 9 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for November, 9 pounds above November 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 44,000 head more than November 2003, but unchanged from October 2004.

Milk Cows and Milk Production: by Month, 20 Selected States, 2003 and 2004

Month	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	7,810	7,716	1,615	1,619	12,616	12,491	-1.0
February	7,811	7,716	1,489	1,528	11,628	11,787	1.4
March	7,810	7,717	1,666	1,658	13,014	12,798	-1.7
April	7,800	7,721	1,627	1,630	12,693	12,588	-0.8
May	7,787	7,722	1,671	1,684	13,013	13,007	
June	7,785	7,742	1,596	1,603	12,428	12,410	-0.1
July	7,780	7,759	1,597	1,616	12,421	12,541	1.0
August	7,771	7,766	1,571	1,594	12,207	12,376	1.4
September	7,764	7,769	1,511	1,529	11,731	11,878	1.3
October	7,743	7,765	1,561	1,578	12,083	12,254	1.4
November	7,721	7,765	1,517	1,526	11,709	11,846	1.2
December	7,713	---	1,596	---	12,313	---	---

¹Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

²Excludes milk sucked by calves

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